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"Thin Blue Line" License Plate Bill Passes Senate

Used as a fundraising mechanism, many organizations have created specialty license plates which the Secretary of State sells to help all promote that group or a charity they support. Recently, House Bill 4927 (the "Thin Blue Line" specialty plate legislation introduced by Rep. Chris Ward, R-Brighton) was presented to the Senate and received significant support. This bill would allow the Thin Blue Line to continue to assist and support the families of injured or deceased officers of law enforcement agencies in Michigan.

Should this bill be signed into law, the Thin Blue Line non-profit group would receive voluntary contributions of \$25 per plate sold. Although the state cannot estimate the total yearly revenue that could potentially be generated by the sale of the license plates, there is no doubt that the families of Michigan police officers would gain tremendous a benefit.

House Bill 4927 is now being reviewed by the Governor. In the past, numerous attempts have been made to permit such organizations to have this fundraising opportunity, however; the Governor continually vetoes the bills. In an effort to support worthy causes like that of the Thin Blue Line, I encourage you to contact Governor Granholm's office and ask that she also support the families of those who protect us. Her office number is (517) 373-3400.